

## I Have Seen It Jer 7:1-15

You have probably seen the scenario on TV or in a movie or read it in a book, it goes like this: The parents a teenage son or daughter decide to go out of town for the weekend for their anniversary. As soon as the parents car is out of sight the, excited teen calls his friends and invite them over for a little get together. They call their friends, before long the little get together is a rowdy, window rattling, furniture breaking party. Then for whatever reason the parents return home and are aghast at the sight. Every thing done in secret was now uncovered. Think of the shock in the eyes of those teens. I'm sure the worshippers attend

upon the house of God that day had that same look  
I. The Rigid Pronouncement of Gods Path-  
clear often wondered what it was like to be one of these O.T. prophets who would act by the clear command of God's voice, who would speak the very words of  
A. A Declaration to Gods Worshippers <sup>vs 2</sup>

If you will read the book of Jeremiah, you will find in the later chapters, God address the heathen nations around Israel & Judah. To the Gentiles, the Philistines, the Moabites, the Ammonites, Edomites and on and on, God had some things to say to them, but here in our text, God had some words for the people arriving at the place of worship. Words to His People.

Matthew Henry wrote "Even those that profess rel-

igion have need to be preached to as well as those that are without. Just because you grace us with your

**B. A Directive in God's Ways** - v53. This directive from God, is not criticism for the sake of just criticising. I remember a bully in third grade that would pick at and tease for no other reason than meanness. That's not God's purpose. If they will amend their ways they will say in a place of peace +

**Follow Not the Tales of Prophets** v54+8 - ch Jeremiah day there was a plague of prophets that were spreading defensible lies of comfort to a sinful people. "Peace Peace" when there is no peace. Prophets teaching that as long as the Temple exists, God is satisfied + will not judge

**But Follow the Truth of God** v55-7 - No Gods call to the people is to amend their ways. You've been doing wrong and you need to do right. Bob Jones "Do Right Do Right if the stars fall from their silver sockets Do Right." There ain't nothing wrong with doing right! (Amos)

## **II. The Revealed Position of God's People**

ch Jeremiah's message, that rigid, difficult hard yet truthful message, God told them not only what to do, but he revealed the truth about what they were

### **A. A Position of Manifest Sinfulness**

What did God do to show his people the sinfulness of their ways? He pulled out the mirror of His moral law, his ten commandment. Rules of Righteousness, height of Holiness, pinnacle of perfection v59, There was stealing taking that which does not belong to you (Eph 4:28) Murder <sup>Jn 3:15</sup>



1) ...very words of God. God roused His prophet and gave to him those burning words of proclamation. Then sends him down to the house of God where they hear some rigid words from God.

2) ...grace us with your presence doesn't mean that you don't need to be admonished, rebuked, reproved by the preaching of God's word.

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... same look of shock on their face when the prophecy from Jeremiah was heard. He knows, He has seen what we have been doing. All has been discovered.

Every person must come to the reality that God sees the sin in our life and that it must be dealt with. I want you to note some important truths in this passage.

3) Ephesians 4:28 Let him that stole steal no more 1 John 3:15  
Whoever hateth his brother is a murderer....

1) **Matthew 5:28** But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. **Matthew 5:36-37** Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil. **1 John 5:21** Little children, keep yourselves from idols... **1 Corinthians 6:9-10** Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

2) ...parading in with pleasantries and smiles, handshakes and humbleness...underneath in the dark closets of the heart, God has seen it! **Hebrews 4:13** Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. In His house which is called by His name, He sees your heart!!

Adultery (Matt 5:28) swear falsely (Matt 5:36-37)  
burn incense unto Baal, walk after other Gods  
(15n 5:21) (1 Cor. 6:9-10.) idolatry both active + passive  
interesting that Baal is mentioned the god of power

The moral law of God is not just for the  
sinner to realize his sinfulness, but as we have seen  
it is reiterated to the believer as a target of holiness that we <sup>should have a God</sup> <sub>sinning</sub>

### B. A Portrait of Masked Sinfulness - VS 10-11

You can almost hear the tone in the voice  
of God when you read verse 10+11. Can you see  
them with their tees + dresses hiked in one hand  
sneaky look in another, a passum grin on their  
face as they sing the praises of God all the  
while underneath the mask of righteousness is

a seepool of iniquity? Saying to them-  
selves "We are delivered..." They were using  
the Grace of God as an occasion for  
lasciviousness! To do ~~any~~ thing they find  
pleasing, to ignore the law of God! VS 11 is the  
thrust of this message: I have seen it! As clear  
as the nose on your face, God has seen it. <sup>Paraphrasing with</sup>

### III. The Ready Presence of God's Punishment

When it comes to God sin + judgment go hand  
in hand. God is not an unjust judge laying <sup>righteous</sup> <sub>Judges</sub> aside

#### A. A Past Reminder of Judgment - VS 12 God

brings up an interesting name Shiloh which means  
peace + abundance. God is referring to 1 Samuel Ch 4  
where the Sons of Levi had done wickedly, the people  
of God treated Him as a Good luck charm. And when they



forced the Philistines to the place was destroyed the ark taken. The Glory of God had departed. Just because Gethse has had a glorious past does not mean

### B. A Purposeful Restraint of Judgment - VS 13

If God were unmerciful, we would have no message from God, if He were unmerciful he would not have permitted them to live in peace as long as they had. But we see in verse 13 the restraining of God's Judgment and the sending of a message, Amend your ways, repent, turn back to God, flee from that which is evil, cleave to that which is

C. A Present Risk of Judgment VS 14 - Judgment is at the door! This place that they have trusted in, this place that they thought "God will never send judgment to this place - He put his name here on this temple, There's no way God will forsake his temple." No! Just like he did to Shiloh, he will do to Jerusalem. VS 15 Cast you out. God <sup>3</sup> Chastens His <sup>Amend</sup> <sup>ways</sup> <sup>Heb</sup> <sup>15:6</sup>

### D. A Powerful Rendering of Judgment - VS 16

Take a look at this verse. It's too late!

There was no remedy! Preached don't even pray for them. If they you don't come to this place, Teen ages, Men, Dad, Gmother + G Father <sup>Amend</sup> <sup>ways</sup>

IV Closing - Let the X-ray of God's be examine your heart! He has seen it! Sin will be dealt with, Make things right with God, before he has to chastise you Sinner, repent today before it's too late and Judgment <sup>will</sup> <sup>fall</sup> <sup>on</sup> <sup>you</sup>.

1) ...does not that God will not snuff out this candlestick and write Ickabod on our door. And just because you've got the position of pastor, missionary, deacon, teacher, leader, director or minister is no exemption from the chastising hand of God. **Numbers 32:23** ... and be sure your sin will find you out.

2) cleave to that which is good! Heed his warning! **2 Chronicles 36:15-16** And the LORD God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place: But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, **till there was no remedy.**

3) **Hebrews 12:6** For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

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